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1. DRAWING EXTENSIVELY ON REF A, CHARGE RAISED WITH SYG LUNS THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING THAT MAY DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA FOCUSES PRIMARILY ON THE LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM (LTDP), COMMENTING THAT THE OTHER ITEMS BEFORE MINISTERS SHOULD NOT REQUIRE EXTENDED DISCUSSION AND, IN THOSE CASES NOT REQUIRING MINISTERS' DECISION, COULD BE COVERED BRIEFLY IN LUNS' OPENING REMARKS. CHARGE LEFT WITH LUNS THE DRAFT AGENDA (REF A, PARA 3), AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE SCHEDULED CNAD REPORT ON INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL AREA COMMUNICATIONS CALLED FOR BY SECDEF AT THE DECEMBER 1977 MINISTERIAL (REF B).

2. LUNS AGREED FULLY WITH THE NEED TO PRESERVE THE CENTRALITY OF THE LTDP AND THAT EXTENDED DISCUSSION WOULD NOT
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BE REQUIRED ON OTHER TOPICS.

3. IN A RELATED MATTER, LUNS COMMENTED ON HIS 13 JANUARY DISCUSSIONS WITH GENERALS HAIG AND ZEINER GUNDERSEN, STATING THAT HE AGREED WITH SACEUR THAT THERE MUST BE SOME FORM OF POST-SUMMIT FOLLOW-THROUGH ON THE LTDP AND THAT THIS PROCESS SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT INVOLVE THE CONTINUATION OF

THE TASK FORCES BUT, RATHER, SHOULD BE HANDLED THROUGH
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